If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Mrs. Bernice Bradford Lewis of Park Ave., writes this nomination for our Hats Off Section this week:

"Hats off to Wayne, an efficient, responsive pleasant, intelligent, courteous, attentive, prompt and knowledgeable clerk, (on the phone and in person), at the Radio Shack in the 6400 block of Reisterstown Rd. . ."

Our curiosity got the best of us. We called the manager promptly. He turned out to be Ed Libertine.

He advised us that the subject of this week's salute is Wayne Turner, who has been on the job a brief four months.

Later, we talked with Mr. Williams. He is 20 years old, a graduate of Harbor City High. He has great interest in electronics. He was formerly technical advisor for cable TV in the Mayor's office, hopes to find employment in that area.

Hats off to Wayne Williams. We like this further testimony about him from Reader Lewis. She says:

"He is thoughtful enough to answer questions you don't think to ask, and he tries to be attentive to all customers."

Hats off!

Continue your nominations, please, to this section. Remember we try to highlight young people who do well, mainly because too many of us adults only notice young people when they perform poorly.

Sick people

Ms. Beth Johnson, the retired social worker and longtime Delta sorority member, is in Md. General Hospital.

Mrs. Jeanne Cummings, the Montgomery County educator, is out of the hospital, recuperating at her Baltimore home.

Mrs. Delores Baden, Edgewood Elementary principal, is out of the hospital, and doing well.

Mrs. Marilyn Williams Beatty, longtime St. James Episcopal Church member, is in Md. General.

Out of the hospital and resting at home is D. John Peters. Wife, Ida, reports he is feeling much better.

Mrs. Kay Carter reports her hubby, Dr. Simon Carter, is feeling much better this week. He's still in Provident.

Also in Provident, Clarence, (Reds) Maiden the retired county school exec, and Joseph Bush, the Minimum Wage Commissioner, who entered Friday for tests.

Mrs. Richard Perkins, (Hortense), the Lake Towers housing manager, who has been ailing since she and hubby returned from Mexico a month ago, had back surgery at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday.

Thinking - of - you cards to Frankie Martin, Jesola Jones, Frankie Martin and Dr. Zola Boone. They were in Rustin, LA, this week for the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Zola Ernest.

About people

Walbrook High observed Women's History Week, focusing on the role of women in management, government, and self employment.

At the Thursday morning session, students heard two young women who are in exciting jobs.

They were, Toni Johnson, consumer rep in the marketing office at the D.C. Metropolitan Transit Authority, and Carole Y. Lyles, director of human resources for Monumental Life Insurance Co., here in Baltimore.

Both are very articulate and interesting young women. Mrs. Frances Silverstone, coordinated the school's Women's History Week, which featured a number of interesting exhibits. Very good.

New regents recently appointed at the University of Maryland are, Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., the veteran civil rights leader, and Frank Gunther, city businessman and Catholic lay leader.

They succeed Wilbur (Bib) Valentine and Dr. Samuel Hoover.

Community College dean, Christine Moore, and hubby, Marcellus, are in from San Francisco, where she attended college - related conference.

Which reminds me to mention that Mrs. Moore has completed her term as president of Baltimore chapter of Chums Inc., that national women's civic and social group.

Local members met a Saturday ago at the home of Shirley Swafford. New officers are: Bianche Beckham, president; Dot Brown, vice president; Mattie Whitfield, Myrtice Bennett and Jerryl Manuel, secretaries and Evelyn Haysbert, treasurer.

MSU Women

Morgan State University Women presented their 10th annual benefit at Bolton Hill Dinner Theatre on Sunday evening. Dr. Beryl W. Williams is president.

Proceeds of this group's benefits go to provide full tuition scholarships $1200 for Morgan students.

The evening's fare was "Butterflies Are Free." Light comedy, good. In the theatre audience, Mrs. Gladys Reid, and son, Orlo, here from Detroit for first time in nine yedrs.

He came home to help his brother, Crafton, celebrate his birthday. Orlo's friend, Dale Baxter, and wife, Sandy, of Annapolis, were among guests at the birthday gathering.

Before the show, the group presented plaques to two pioneers — Mrs. Bea Hurt and Mrs. Alice Parham.

Thoughtful gesture: There was a moment of silent prayer for Morgan coach, Talmade (Marse) Hill, who was buried last week.

His widow, Frances, longtime Morgan music prof., and their daughter, Freddye, were in the audience. So were Morgan U. president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley, and daughter, Bonnie, home on break from Wilson College.

Cuff note: The Talmadge Hill family home is on Overland Ave., in Morgan Park. It seems only yesterday when they built it, but our calendar shows it was 35 years ago.

Announcement was made during the program that another member, Mary Ann Franklin, the Morgan U. administrator, has earned her doctorate. She's wife of Dr. Carl Franklin, U. of Baltimore exec.

Absent was longtime member, Mrs. Ruby Gill. She and her lawyer - daughter, Roberta, and granddaughter, were in Mexico.

Jack and Jill

Earlier on Sunday, Baltimore chapter of Jack and Jill held forth at a luncheon - dance at the Forum. Marion Patterson chaired the affair.

Featured in the lobby were art and handiwork of black artists and business people.

Before lunch, Shirley Hill, offered prayer and welcomed guests. A dozen door prizes were awarded.

Proceeds of the luncheon benefit will go to the Calvary Church Day Care Center and to the Jack and Jill National Foundation.

Rev. Yerby

Baltimore has been fortunate to have in its midst concerned and unselfish public servants who have gone beyond the call of duty to serve others.

Such a person was the Rev. Dr. Ward Denmore Yerby, the distinguished pastor - emeritus of Perkins Square Baptist Church. He was 84 when he died Monday at Hopkins Hospital.

We saw him several weeks ago at a meeting of Baptist clergy. He was his usual gracious self, greeting fellow ministers and visitors.

Remembering

His fellow ministers, whom he inspired, church members, relatives and friends, turned out in large numbers for the memorial services on Friday morning, (March 12), at Perkins Square, where he was pastor from 1930 to 1971.

They remembered how he led his congregation from its George St. location to its present site in the 2500 block of Edmondson Ave., no mean accomplishment thirty years ago.

Others remember Dr. Yerby was a quiet proponent of equal rights.

He was the first executive secretary of the Md. State Interracial Commission when segregation in our state was lawful.

Baptist leader, Mabel Gee, recalls that because of his encouragement members of the Baptist Women's Auxiliary utilized downtown hotel facilities for their convention, and were the first to rent Martin's West.

The Rev. Alfred Vaughn, president of Clergy In Action, presided at the last rites.

Twelve other ministers offered tributes, including present Perkins pastor, Rev. Richard Ogle.

Others were: Revs. W. L. Clayton, James L. Moore, James A. Everett, Matthew Silver, William E. Johnson, Raleigh Holt, M. J. Brackett, George A. Crawley Jr., Arthur Benn, Walter Paige and Theodore Jackson.

His 10 rules

The Rev. Baxter L. Matthews, pastor emeritus of Union Baptist Church, was eloquent in his eulogy (he marks his 86th birthday on April 22).

After recalling their college days at Va. Union, where they performed menial tasks as well as took theological courses, Rev. Matthews outlined these 10 rules Rev. Yerby lived by:

1. Keep skid chains on your tongues by saying less than you think.
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully.
3. Praise work well done, regardless of who does it.
4. Let everyone you meet feel you regard him or her as important.
5. Be cheerful, hide your own worries under a smile.
6. Keep an open mind on all debateable issues.
7. Let your virtues speak for themselves and discourage gossip.
8. Have respect for the feeling of others.
9. Pay no attention to destructive remarks and personal attacks on you.
10. Do a good turn for the sake of helping others.

Rev. Matthews added of his friend: "He put in a good day."

Cuff note: Wells Printers prepared the handsome eight page funeral program

Front cover was a full likeness of Dr. Yerby holding a Bible.

Back cover, another full length photo of him in clerical garb, holding a Bible. Both memorable photos.

The memorial program was entitled, "A Prince Has Fallen."

It correctly notes: "In his daily life, Rev. Yerby set a high standard for his colleagues, as well as for his members." May he rest in peace.

Dr. Yerby finished Va. Union in 1914, in the class with Rev. Matthews and the late Rev. A. J. Payne.

He earned his divinity degree at Oberlin College in Ohio, and an honorary from his Alma Mater.

Survivors: His wife of 46 years, the former Portia Harrod of Philadelphia; son, Rev. William H. Yerby; and sister, Mrs. Georgia Dickens.

Dr. Yerby was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and on the Visiting Clergy Staff at Hopkins Hospital.

Va. Union

On Saturday afternoon, the Coppin State College campus was alive with beautiful people.

The Miles W. Connor Chapter of Va. Union University Alumni Association, was holding its annual reception.

Handsome plaques went to Mrs. Martha E. Valentine, named Alumna of Year, and McDonald Owner, Osborne A. Payne, Alumnus of Year.

Distinguished Va. Union president, hands-on Dr. David T. Shannon, was up from Richmond to join in the festivities.

Harlow Fullwood, president of the alumni group, did his usual good job of attracting a cross-section of our town's citizens. The same was true next day, Sunday, when the college choir appeared in concert at Woodlawn High.

Va. Union Alumni presented distinguished service awards to the following: Earl C. Banks, Mrs. Cecelia W. Bryant, Rev. Harold A. Carter, George W. Collins, Robert Y. Dubel, Mrs. Mabel S. Gee, Gov. Harry S. Hughes, Mrs. Laura M. Knight, Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, Rev. James L. Moore, Deputy Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson and Allen L. Quille.

Art Hatcher

Baltimore is unique. So many fine citizens have contributed to its growth and progress.

Such a man was Arthur L. Hatcher 70, the veteran postal employee, churchman and fraternal leader who died March 2, after a 5 - year illness.

He was memoralized March 7 at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, where he was a trustee.

We knew him when he was active in Prince Hall Masons and our household then was a frequent gathering place for members of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 of Shriners.

Mr. Hatcher, like the then head of our house, (the late Frank W. Phillips) loved the Shrine and Masonic family. Both were past potentates.

Mr. Hatcher was a member of King David Lodge No. 18. He worked in the Post Office's special delivery section for 30 years until his retirement in 1973. Older Baltimoreans will recall that at one time he worked as an embalmer at the Holland Funeral Home on Druid Hill Ave. Nutter Funeral Home, successor to the late Mrs. Helen Holland, handled arrangements.

Survivors: His wife of 51 years, Mildred Campbell Hatcher, the retired city school employee; daughter, Constance Ridgeley, the bank employee; grandson, Rocky Ridgeley, the clothing store employee.

Also, a brother, Earl, Detroit. The family residence was on Wabash Ave. in northwest Baltimore.

Languages

Baltimore city public schools are considering including foreign languages in the curriculum.

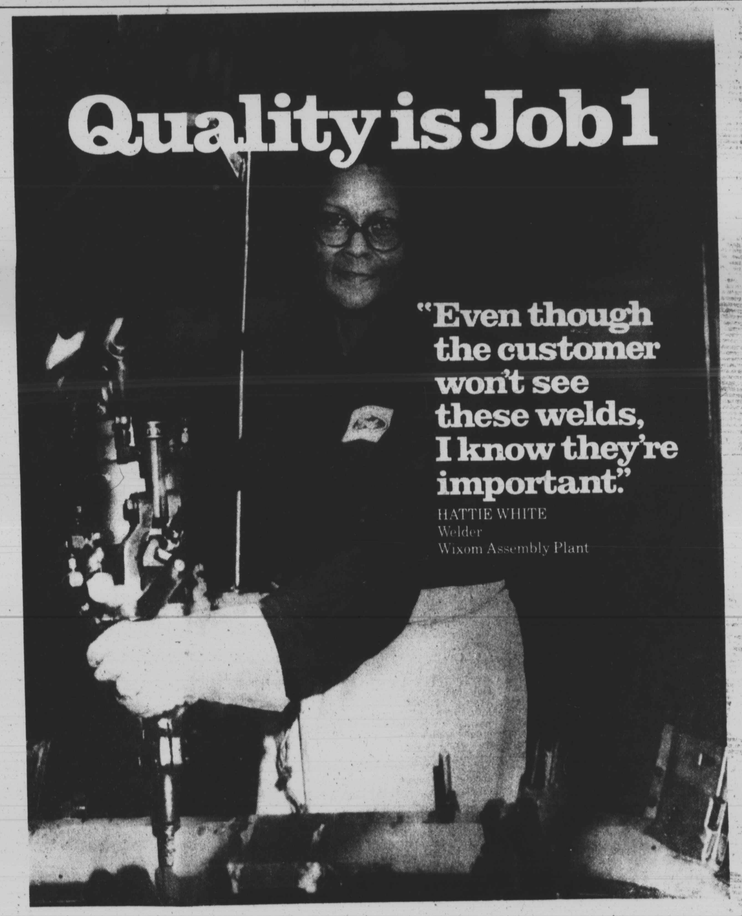
This would be good.

The world is so small these days. Within two hours, you can fly to a foreign land, where the language is French, German or Spanish, as it was in Colombia last month.

In other lands, the newspapers, radio and television programs are NOT in English, but in the country's language - Spanish, as it was in Colombia.

And, you feel lost when the people who look like you speak to you and you do not understand what they are saying. You lese them with your English. They don't understand, shake their head.

Our grandchildren will have many opportunities for travel out of the U.S., and they need to have an understanding of our neighbors' tongue.



At Ford Motor Company, there are a lot of people whose work on your car you'll never see. Like Hattie White, who welds sub-assemblies; Larry Giacomo, who stamps the floorpans; and Mike Duncan who solders the roof joints, but they all know that to build a good car you have to do everything right.

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New Hope Christian Church buys historic ediface on Route 40

Stately colonial building erected in 1895 can be seen by thousands at fork of road near Catonsville

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Many years ago when all the Catonsville area was one large plantation after another and tobacco were harvested by slaves, no one would ever have believed a black congregation would one day own land there.

When the Presbyterians built a stately colonial church between old Edmondson Avenue and Chapel Gate Road in 1895, there was no thought of a black congregation ever owning the buildings and grounds.

Last Sunday, March 14, the New Hope Christian Christian Church with its smaller, 200 - member flock under Rev. Molester J. Hunter, moved in and in less than 100 years claimed the property, the beautiful building with its Deacon's Room, choir loft, stately auditorium, choir rooms and 12 rooms including kitchen and dining area, and next door parsonage as well.

The auditorium seats 300 with balcony overlooking the pews of oak and most green velvet, matching carpet and draperies. The antique white walls are set off by oak doors and chalk white and oak trimming.

The typical crisp colonial interior has appropriate chandeliers and multi - paned windows that reach to the ceiling.

The various opening - day speakers turned the claiming of the historic church by the small membership," " a miracle." Visitors came from five states, Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

Actually, the event establishes a milestone in the history of the area where Freedom Marches of the 1960s saw Dr. Martin Luther King on the scene.

State Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, young college student, led his Civic Interest Group (CIG) to march on the Double T Diner which denied black citizens even a cup of coffee. All were arrested for trespassing.

The Catonsville area made the headlines nationwide as it bitterly held on to its old pattern segregation established back in the 1600s.

All places of public accomodation along Route 40 today welcome patronage of all races.

Only the old names like Chapel Gate Road, Johnny Cake Road, Ingleside Ave., Winters Lane and other typical English pathways, remain.

Rolling Road was so named because the slaves rolled the tobacco kegs along there on the way to the port for shipment to England.

Thousands of motorists travelling Route 40 to shopping centers, to housing developments and on to Frederick, MD, still admire this stately church at the fork of the road.

New Hope Christian Church founders Rev. Hunter, his wife and relatives used to belong to the Christian Memorial Church at Payson Street and North Avenue. He was a deacon and gave the church that famous big piano Bible.

In 1963 when he was elevated to assistant minister.

In 1968 with wife and family working beside him, he established the New Hope Church at Franklin and Monroe Streets.

They had 15 members. Deacon Jessie F. Fleming, London Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, NC, father of Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, arrived to help start the group when they moved to the 3000 block Oakley Avenue in 1976.

A special Founder's Day celebration will be held March 24, 1982 to Mark the 14th anniversary.

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, principal of Grove Park Elementary and former principal of Gist Elementary School, is program coordinator.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE — Mesdames Bettye Mason, coordinator; Doris Pugh, Lois Yorboro, Mary Turnage, Daisy Wall, Dorothy Blakely, Christine Edmond.

DEACONS' BOARD, Vernon Mithcell, chairman; Rev. M. J. Hunter, Franklin Roche, Hames Pearson, George Day, John Walden.

CHURCH OFFICERS — Rev. Molester J. Mitchell, pastor; Mrs. Johnsie Locke, secretary - clerk; Vernon Mitchell, financial secretary; Calvin Fleming, treasurer.

MINISTERS - Rev. Molester J. Hunter, Rev. Adam Turnage, assistant.

EVANGELISTS Betty Cooper, Dorothy Hunter, Camilla Manning, Frank Yarboro, Ernest Turner.

DEACONESSES Mary Turnage, Willis Mobley, Robin Turner, Margaret Mitchell, Daisy Wall, Ernestine Day, Antoinette Turner.

TRUSTEES - Betty Cooper, Barbara Grimes, Dorothy Hunter, Elizabeth Hy - Des, Margaret Mitchell, Franklin Roche.

ORGANIST — Bennett Murdock. PIANISTS - Robin Hunter, Elizabeth Hy - Des

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Rev. Adam Turnage, superintendent.

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THIS HISTORIC CHURCH, built by Presbyterians nearly 100 years ago is located at the fork of the road between Chapel Gate Road and Route 40.

REV. AND MRS. M. J. HUNTER, leaders of the miraculous congregation of 200 members.

MRS. ROBIN TURNER leads the combined Young Adults and Senior Choirs in songs of thanksgiving and praise.

OPENING DAY BANQUET was prepared by the Hospitality Committee in the spacious kitchen and served in the dining room to all the congregation and visitors.

WHERE THEY WERE — The frame house in the 3000 block Oakley Avenue was the New Hope Christian Church home from 1976 until last Sunday, March 14. The members gathered here to say goodbye before the caravan of cars carried them to the new church on Route 40.

WHERE THEY ARE TODAY — A portion of the 200 - member congregation poses on the steps of the new church (Rev. and Mrs. Hunter are front row center) for a photo "we will keep as long as we live" and for history's sake.

DEACONS' BOARD includes George Day, James Pearson, Rev. M. J. Hunter, Vernon Mitchell, chairman and Franklin Roche.

THE SOUL SEEKERS with Mrs. Margaret Mitchell principal of Grove Park Elementary School, Baltimore, as soloist, includes Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, Mrs. Robin Turner, Carl Mitchell, Mrs. Ernestine Day and Mrs. Minnie Laney.

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